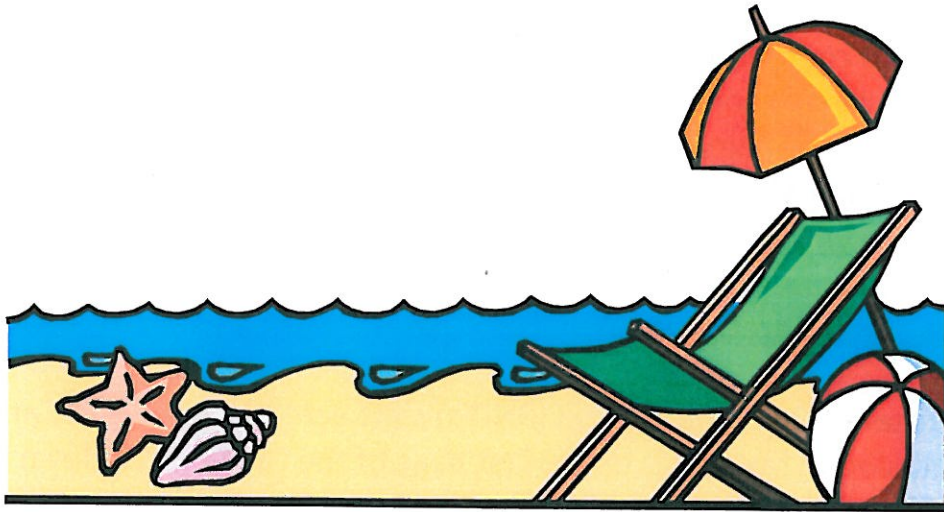


NURSE DELEGATION PROVIDER MEMO

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Continuing Education (CE) Available:

The Nurse Delegation (ND) training, “Implementing the Nurse Delegation Program in Your WA State Nursing Practice” has been approved for 5.5 contact hours of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center through the Approval Unit of WA State Nurses Association (WSNA). Awarding contact hours will begin with the Thursday, June 18, 2009 training scheduled for Walla Walla. Attendees at all subsequent “Implementing ND” classes will be eligible for contact hours through May 31, 2011 as long as the content and presenters remain the same. The class can serve as a good “refresher” for nurses already contracted with Aging and Disability Services Administration (ADSA) for ND, and has long been a requirement for individual nurses who would like to obtain a state contract.

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Save the Date-Nurse Delegation Conference:

Our annual ND conference will be held on Friday, October 9, 2009 in Olympia. Send us your ideas soon. We will be reviewing your evaluations from the 2008 conference, and planning our agenda in early August. If you have requests for what information you would like us to include, please let us know. Email to barreda@dshs.wa.gov OR vandea@dshs.wa.gov OR sievek@dshs.wa.gov.

More News on Delegating Insulin:

1. Registered Nurse Delegators (RND's) contracted with the state are reminded to fax copies of the first page of the Nursing Visit form to Doris Barret at 360-438-8633 when initially delegating insulin injections on a state client. This will help us collect data on how many of our state clients are receiving delegated insulin.
2. We would like to clarify that a registered nurse doesn't need any special training to provide insulin as a delegated task to caregivers. Any Registered Nurse (RN) licensed in Washington State may delegate this task, as long as the nurse and the delegated caregivers meet the requirements in the ND WAC 246-840-910 to 970. There seems to be a misunderstanding out in the field that nurses may not delegate this task until they have attended a special training class. The "rollout" sessions held earlier this year were specifically for the nurses who teach the new three hour "Nurse Delegation: Special Focus on Diabetes" class under their contract or MOU with the State. Delegating nurses were invited to attend, to receive a copy of the training CD and the workbook. This allowed the attending RN's to get an idea of what is included in the training class for the NA's, and what base of information the caregivers would have, when they come to the RND for specific training for administering injectable insulin. We also distributed the "Skills Practice Kit" to those delegating nurses who were able to attend.
3. Additional copies of the kits are still available as teaching aids when you work with caregivers who will be administering insulin. Contact Sandy Colegrove at colegsl@dshs.wa.gov to receive additional practice kits. It is not our intention to continue to provide the kits whenever insulin is delegated, but we do have a supply that should last for the next two to three years.

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4. Caregiver training in your area (for both the insulin and the nine hour nurse delegation class) may be located at the ADSA website:
<http://www.adsa.dshs.wa.gov/Professional/training/nurseassistant/> Scroll down to “Find a trainer who teaches this class” to find a trainer in your county.
5. A reminder that the new delegation law allows certain tasks to be done without delegation. To help clients who can give their own insulin injection, the bill also included language that:
 - Clarifies that delegation is not needed for caregivers who set up insulin devices for clients
 - Verifies that delegation is not needed for caregivers to validate the correct insulin dosage for sight-impaired clients.

The intent was to allow caregivers to click an insulin pen or dial the dose, read the dose, insert the cartridge, place a needle on the device, etc.

The intention of the law was NOT to allow non-delegated caregivers to draw up insulin into a syringe for the client. That may only be done if the caregiver is delegated to administer insulin.

6. New instructions have been developed and distributed to ADSA case managers, in the Long Term Care Manual. The instructions include two new payment codes for nurse delegation, under the Roads to Community Living (RCL) grant process. You may begin to see Social Services Payment System (SSPS) codes #5839 for clients in adult family homes (AFH); and #5848 for clients living in-home. These codes could be paying you for preliminary client assessments while clients are still admitted to a nursing home, to determine if delegation would be appropriate in an AFH or private home.

Webinars and Other Resources:

Here are some websites that may contain helpful information

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/languages/languages.html> (Medline Plus contains health information in multiple languages)

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This means:

Authorizations submitted on June 26th, 29th, and 30th will not show as being processed until July 1st. **Do not** submit more than one authorization during these days to avoid overpayments.

- Beginning with the night of Friday, June 26th, providers will not be paid until Wednesday, July 1st.
- Repetitive payments for June will not be made until July 1st. The June deadline for authorizing Repetitive Payments is Tuesday, June 30th.
- Providers may receive their June payments later than usual as Friday, July 3rd is a state, bank, and postal service holiday.

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